

BLEW THEM TO BITS

Twelve Men Caught in an Explosion

OF A PACIFIC NAVAL MAGAZINE

Horrific Mutilation of the Bodies From the Force of the Terrible Shock.

San Francisco, June 13.—Residents of Vallejo were startled this morning at 12:30 o'clock by a report which shook the town like a sharp shock of earthquake and immediately the fire bells at the navy yard were rung and the conclusion reached was that there was a fire on Mare Island. But down at the magazine there belched forth into the sky an immense cloud of smoke, and for half an hour reports after reports were heard as the shells exploded. Immediately the entire navy yard force rushed to the magazine and a horrible sight presented itself. The barbed and charred bodies of two apprentices were found on the beach 200 yards from the scene of the explosion. In the midst of the ruins and all around on the side hills are found bodies and pieces of bodies scattered here and there.

Scene at Terrible Carriage.
The bodies were taken out as fast as possible, and when all were put along side of each other, they counted twelve, with Gunner Hittinger of the Boston at the head. Some were cut in two, others were minus a leg or an arm or head. Twelve men were killed outright and three were taken to the hospital wounded but dying. Two of the three latter were apprentices and were poked up on the beach. The explosion had thrown them into the bay, and a boat from a merchantman in port rescued them and then went through the smoke and ruins for others. One of the party dropped a shell and that the concussion caused an explosion. One of the first to go to the scene was Dr. Lewis of the Naval hospital. Though bearing now and then an explosion of shell he braved the danger and went into the midst of it to save life if possible, but the explosion had finished its work.

New Their Skins Off.
The bodies of almost the entire bodies of these two, as well as their clothes, were blown off and yet they were conscious and able to move, but they cannot recover. A working party of fifteen men from the United States steamship Boston were preparing ammunition and filling shells for the ship. All were at work in the filling room of the magazine under charge of Gunner Hittinger. It is supposed that there were three magazine watchmen named Collins, Burns and Demond on duty in other parts of the grounds who were severely injured. Watchman Collins had a narrow escape. A piece of shell glanced from the top of his head and left an ugly contusion. The first one had shaken him almost senseless, and after he was struck he walked for an hour about the ruins.

Blown Through a Roof.
Gunner Hittinger was blown onto the roof of shell house No. 1, having been blown clear through the roof of shell house No. 2. Mrs. McDougal of the highhouse, with her daughters Misses Bessie and Carrie, was early in giving assistance to the wounded, bringing bandages and doing much that was necessary at the moment. Magruder, Crane, Page, Moore and Lewis, all of the navy, were on the scene, but there was not much for them to do. The work of identifying the dead has not yet begun, as the energies of all have been devoted to getting the remains together and quenching the fire. Almost the entire crew of the Boston to which ship the dead and wounded belonged, worked hard in the ruins under the direction of Lieutenant Pease W. Robinson and Hughes.

HORROR OF HORRORS.

Grave Fears That 97 Persons Are Drowned.

CHICAGO, June 14, 1:30 a. m.—The graduating class of the Northwestern University, numbering ninety-seven young ladies and gentlemen, took the steamer at Evanston, twelve miles north of Chicago, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Highland Park, eleven miles distant where they intended to spend the afternoon and evening in a picnic and general class jubilee. The storm which did so much damage to property in the city broke forth shortly after the excursion party had left and the capsizing of the boat was counted among the possibilities by the friends and relatives of those on board last night at Evanston. Up to 1 o'clock this morning no word from the boat had been received. Anxious fathers and brothers spent the night telephoning and endeavoring to get word from the picknickers. Those who were on board were the members of the class that graduated at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The last train into Evanston from Highland Park brought no tidings.

CYCLONE IN CHICAGO.

The Democratic Wigwag Unroofed by the Gale.

CHICAGO, June 13.—A small wind tornado raged in this city between 2

and 4 o'clock this afternoon. The full force of the wind struck the southwest corner of the Union national bank and blew in three plate glass windows. So terrific was the shock that the plate glass was hurled clear across the counting room, seriously injuring President J. J. O'Dell, who was seated at his desk. The other occupants of the bank escaped unhurt. The great canvas canopy over the wigwag, in which will be held the national democratic convention next week was torn to tatters. A number of columns will be erected to support the roof. It is feared that this arrangement will impair the acoustics of the amphitheatre, but there is no way to avoid it. Work was begun tonight on the roof, and the contractors declare the wigwag will be ready for the convention at the stipulated time. The telephone, telegraph and electric light systems were almost totally demolished. The Rents-Santay circus tent and poles at the corner of Twenty-eighth street and Westworth avenue were razed to the ground and the performers compelled to seek shelter in neighboring houses. Several of the horses made their escape during the storm and have not yet been found.

FAILED TO MAKE A MASH.
A Legislative Romeo Comes to Sudden Sorrow.

CHICAGO, June 13.—James F. Quinn, member of the lower branch of the state legislature from the fourth district, and one of the famous "101" who voted for Senator Palmer, was placed under \$1,200 bail by Commissioner Hoyne today for writing an obscene letter to an actress. The evidence against Mr. Quinn, as given this morning, involves the fourth district member in an ugly scandal.

Friday last Miss Dillie Mayfield, at Star Street dime museum, received an unsigned letter of a very obscene nature. The unknown writer stated that he had seen Miss Mayfield on the stage, and being much struck with her desired to meet her. Miss Mayfield being an honest young woman, referred the letter to her manager. The latter placed the case in the hands of Post-office Inspector Irie, who placed a doctory advertisement in a paper. Yesterday the unknown writer appeared at the museum and spoke to Miss Mayfield at once, believing she had inserted the advertisement in good faith. Miss Mayfield led her admirer on, finally establishing his identity as Representative Quinn and securing an admission from him that he wrote the letter. Then it was that Inspector Irie put in an appearance and Mr. Quinn was taken into custody. He vehemently protested his innocence and when he found he could not secure his release he made an effort to have the facts suppressed. Quinn was brought before Commissioner Hoyne today and Miss Mayfield and four other young ladies attaches of the museum testified to Quinn's admissions that he wrote the letter, and one of the girls claimed that Quinn attempted to kiss her right before all the spectators in the museum.

COLLIDED IN A FOG.

Steamer A. E. Wild Sunk by the Douglas off Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 13.—The steamers Douglas and A. E. Wild came together with a terrific crash eighteen miles off this port in a dense fog last night, and the Douglas, to the bottom of the lake within three minutes, her crew being taken off in safety by the Douglas which reached here this morning.

The Wild left Chicago Sunday without cargo for Escanaba, Mich., and the Douglas was on the way from Milwaukee to Chicago. Both were going at full speed, notwithstanding the heavy fog which has hung over this part of Lake Michigan for thirty-six hours. The first they saw of each other was when they were only a few hundred feet apart and then it was too late to avoid a collision.

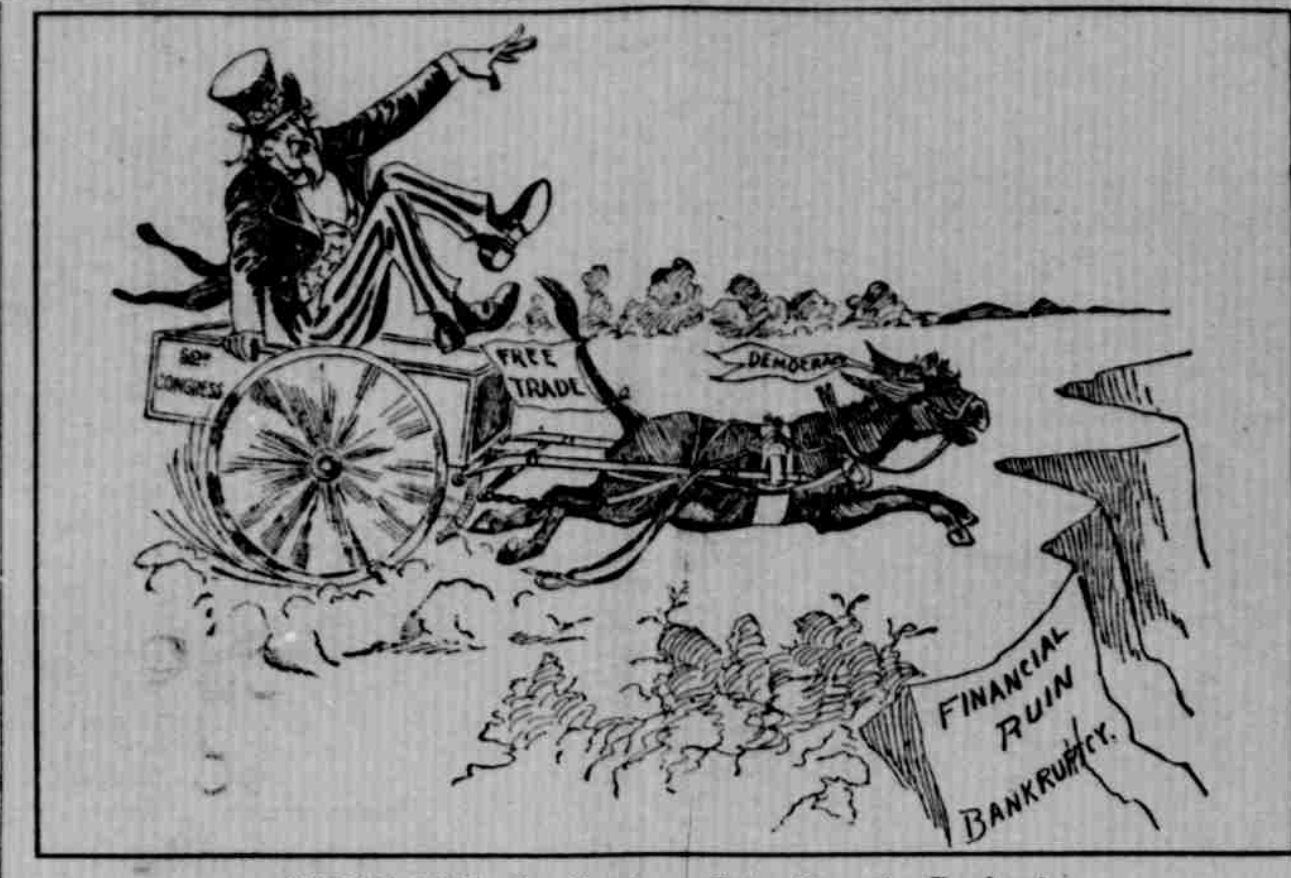
The sunken boat was owned by A. E. Wild, who also sailed her. She was valued at \$25,000, and was insured for \$18,000 with the L. & N. Insurance Co., St. Paul and North America. The underwriters who were interested in the Wild at once sent instructions to take the full statement of the crew to prepare for a suit against the Douglas for the value of the Wild in case it was found that the former steamer was at fault. The Douglas is a small passenger steamer and had on board fifteen of twenty passengers, who were terribly frightened at the crash, but when it was found that their own boat was in no danger the panic at once subsided.

BENEVOLENT ORDER OF ELKS.

Grand Lodge Meeting and Sixth Annual Reunion at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, June 13.—The grand lodge of the Benevolent Order of Elks will begin a four days' session tomorrow. The indications are that the reunion will be one of the largest ever held and it is expected that fully 5,000 Elks will be in attendance. Among those already here are delegations from Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, Mich., Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Baltimore, Washington, Louisville, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Brooklyn, Boston and the Cincinnati delegation, with Grand Secretary Allen O. Myers. Grand Exalted Ruler Edwin B. Ray came in with the Washington lodge.

Two live elks named Mary and John, belonging to the Meadville lodge, have arrived and will take part in the parade tomorrow. The grand lodge sessions are to be held in the Academy of Music, which has been handsomely decorated for the occasion. There is considerable canvassing of delegates for the important offices already. The Louisville lodge is a candidate for exalted ruler, and the Cincinnati lodge for grand secretary. Today will be given up to reception and sight-seeing and this evening a social session and ladies' assembly will be held at the Academy of Music. Tomorrow morning the Elks will be welcomed by Mayor Bishop and Lieutenant Governor Sheehan. A big feature of the meeting will be the parade tomorrow afternoon. The lodge making the best showing will receive a handsome silver loving cup presented by Percy G. Williams of Brooklyn. The order has now 228 subordinate lodges and 32,917 members.



UNCLE SAM—For Goodness Sake, Stop the Donkey!

LONG TO BE CURED

Crowds of Pilgrims at a Healing Priest's Chapel.

TEN THOUSAND STAND IN LINE

Waiting to Be Restored to Health by the Magical Curative Properties of Relics Exhibited by Him.

PITTSBURGH, June 13.—

This is St. Anthony's day in the Roman Catholic calendar. For weeks past men, women and children in all stages of disease and deformity have congregated at Mount Troy, Allegheny, until last evening there were about 2,000 present, anxiously awaiting the day upon which the healing power of Fr. S. G. Mollinger is said to be strongest. The opening of Fr. Mollinger's new private chapel was a feature of today's ceremonies. The edifice, erected at a cost exceeding \$200,000, is one of the finest of its kind in the world. In the rear part of this chapel are kept the sacred relics. There are hundreds of them under glass covers. The day's exercises began with mass at 6 o'clock and once every hour thereafter until at 10 o'clock solemn high mass was celebrated. The Rev. Fr. Murphy of Holy Ghost college preaching the sermon. The chief ceremony of the occasion was at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when Fr. Mollinger gave his blessing to the afflicted in his new chapel, applying the sacred relics of his patron saint, St. Anthony.

Before the Break of Day.

Even before the break of day this morning the throngs began to ascend the steep sides of Mount Troy and at early mass it was estimated that 5,000 people were present. As the day advanced the crowds increased until at the hour of solemn high mass between 8,000 and 10,000 were on the grounds surrounding the small edifice. The sun was much obscured by the merciless rays of the sun pouring down upon them, from which there was no escape or protection. At the same hour last year there were fully fifteen thousand people anxiously awaiting the priestly blessing. This is a marked contrast between the character of the crowd this year and that of last. The great majority of those composing the vast assemblage were not seeking relief. Few invalids were to be encountered. They were the exception rather than the rule, as last year the crowd seemed for the greater part to be made up of those prompted to visit the place through curiosity.

Scattered here and there could be seen groups of devout worshippers at the shrine of St. Anthony, crossing themselves, fervently praying for relief for which they have so long sought in vain. But the rush for admission to the church and the yard surrounding it was just as great as upon previous occasions. The sun beat down upon the head of the multitude, women fainting, men uttering harsh words, children screamed and the four uniformed officers, assisted by church trustees, found it difficult to prevent the stronger ones from crushing the life out of the weaker.

Officers Pushed Aside.

When the front door of this primitive-looking church were thrown open for the 6 o'clock mass those who had been elbowing each other in the front yard made a wild rush up the steps. The officers were pushed aside, their efforts to keep the people in line being in vain. The church was soon filled and the doors closed. Those who failed to get inside knelt in the yard, evidently satisfied with their success in getting close to the altar. One devout old lady repeatedly kissed the rough foundation stone against which she leaned. The same scene was enacted at the 7:30 o'clock mass. Then the church was cleared. At 10 o'clock the doors were again thrown open, this time for the celebration of high mass, in which Father Mollinger was assisted by Fathers Dangleer, Williams, Griffin and Murphy. During the progress of this service the crowd on the steps made frantic efforts to push past the sturdy policemen who stood in front of the closed doors.

Heard All Over the World.

The fame of Father Mollinger as a healer of disease has been heard throughout the world and Mount Troy has a reputation equal almost to that of Lourdes or Knock and other places noted for the miraculous cures that are said to have been effected there. Father Mollinger is an aged man. He is tall and venerable looking, his hair gray and his chin is lost in a luxuriant snowy beard that gives him the appearance of a real patriarch. For many years the priest has prayed annually over the sick and halt at the shrine in Allegheny, and it is certainly most true that really remarkable cures have taken place in his presence and while the faithful were praying with him. He takes none of the credit of this to himself at all, but believes that

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HILL HAS A SCHEME.

He Will Scatter the Cleveland Forces by Giving Morrison a Boom.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—There is a movement on foot among the Hill men to have William M. Morrison placed in nomination at the Chicago convention. This is not a piece of idle gossip. It is straight from headquarters. The plan may be changed before the week is out, but at present it is very favorably thought of, and it is the intention to carry it out. The purpose of the plan is to draw from Cleveland's strength. Morrison, as the Hill men are well aware, is a Cleveland man, but they are also aware that he is first of all a Morrison man. Plattered into a belief that he stands a good chance of securing the nomination, there is little doubt that he would go in with an earnest though foolish belief that he could win. He has some strength in Illinois; more, perhaps, in a few other states where he is not so well known. All of his strength is composed of Cleveland men, and while it is not large enough to make a respectable showing it is large enough to make it worth fighting for; hence the Hill plan to give him a small boom.

Cleveland has a little over a majority of the delegates to the convention.

Were the majority to rule Cleveland would be nominated, but the two-thirds rule will prevail and Hill proposes the Cleveland claim to two-thirds of the delegates secured. Big inroads, however, must be made in the Cleveland forces before any one can win and the Morrison plan is one of several which will doubtless be put into execution. By them the Hill men hope to prevent any nomination for several ballots, by which time they expect that Cleveland's forces will go to pieces and enable Hill to gather in enough of the pieces to build a two-thirds structure for himself. The probable outcome of the democratic convention is now the talk of the camp; the republican convention having already nearly disappeared.

The republican delegates are returning one by one, those who shouted for Harrison bring with them the smile of victory, while those who have made the democratic convention a convention of defeat are gloomy and dejected. Many changes are probable, however, and he who is the first today may be last tomorrow, while he who is last may lead or not be in it at all.

DISTRICT DAY IN CONGRESS.

Affairs Affecting the District Considered.

Senate Proceedings.
WASHINGTON, June 13.—The house today devoted its session to the consideration of measures affecting the interests of the District of Columbia. The following bills were passed: To prohibit the use of one-horse cars in Washington after January 1, 1893, to incorporate the Potomac, Brightwood & Takoma railway; to punish the carrying or selling of deadly or dangerous weapons within the district; to provide for the care of dependent children in the District of Columbia, and to create a board of children's guardians; to incorporate the Washington & Great Falls Electric Railway company; to prevent cruelty to children and animals; to include lot fifty-three, block fifty-nine, Hot Springs, Ark., in the public reservation; authorizing the entry of lands chiefly valuable for building stone, under the placer mining laws; to protect settlement rights where two or more persons settle upon the same subdivision of agricultural public lands, before survey thereof to relinquish title to land to Escambia lodge in Pensacola, Fla., to grant certain public lands lying within certain railroad grants; to establish a division line between lands of the United States and the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway company near West Bellevue, Pa. The house then adjourned till tomorrow.

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Sometimes he would appear jovial and gallantly courteous and at others he would lapse into a retired and reflective mood. There was the photograph of the soul within in his large dark luminous eyes. He would also appear worn and tired, though there was always an apparent effort to disguise this feeling. There seemed to be a stupendous question uppermost in his mind and no doubt the great man was in his mind frequently speculating upon the result of the campaign. Walker Blaine, his son, stood beside him, was his affectionate and watchful companion. The mutual regard held for each other was betrayed in both. At each stopping place before the signal was given to start again, Mr. Blaine insisted on being assured that Walker was always aboard. The son resembled his father about the eyes and his nose was likewise prominent. He was very popular with the gentlemen on board, was democratic, gentlemanly, courteous and communicative. During all of Mr. Blaine's career he has had no grief or sorrow like that he endured three years ago in the loss of this favorite son, who was his boon companion and confident.

The Arrival in This City.

Somewhat tired Mr. Blaine and the party on the special arrived in Grand Rapids between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening of October 19, 1884. Mr. Blaine expressed himself as weary and hungry. But there was no rest for the campaigner. At the West Bridge street depot there was a dense gathering of humanity which reached up and down the street as far as the eye could penetrate. The crowd contained political clubs, brass bands, flags, banners, flaming lambeaus, while the screaming of locomotives on the adjacent tracks made the scene one of indescribable noise and disorder. As all of the space in Canal, First and Monroe streets was the greatest crowd ever seen in Grand Rapids. It was beyond the compass of the human voice to reach such an assemblage, and Mr. Blaine's remarks were very brief and the crowd had to be satisfied by cheering him, and they did so until they became hoarse. The next two days were occupied in going to Muskegon and the Saginaw Valley, and thence along the Michigan Central to Niles and then to South Bend, where Mr. Blaine rested in the pivotal state of Indiana.

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ALL QUIET AT GUTHRIE.

An Organization of Vigilantes Formed to Preserve Peace.

GUTHRIE, O. T., June 13.—The race war which seemed imminent last night has been averted and comparatively quiet reigns today in Guthrie. The night of the boisterous negroes and whites had much to do with calming the people, and no more trouble is anticipated. Helley, the negro who assaulted a woman Saturday night, has been removed to the Wichita jail. The story of the other assault, that upon Mrs. Gukens by Anthony Lawson and the latter's killing by a mob is untrue. Lawson attempted to break into Gukens' house, but was driven away. There is nothing to show that he contemplated any further crime. A committee of vigilants has been formed, divided into three companies, each to do duty eight hours daily. Their organization is strong and together with the officers they will be able to preserve the peace.

Washington, June 13.—

The condition of Mrs. Harrison continues about the same. She holds up remarkably well under the late effects of the extremely warm weather.

NOT FOR THE IRISH

All Measures in Their Behalf Abandoned.

BALFOUR DECLARES THE FACT

And the News is Speedily Wined to All Parts of the Kingdom—The Conclusion Reached Saturday.

LONDON, June 13.—In the house of commons today Mr. Balfour stated that the Irish education bill and other measures had been abandoned, but that dissolution was not likely before the end of next week. This brings dissolution at about the time—the end of June—originally mentioned by Mr. Gladstone in a letter to his constituents of Midlothian. Soon after Mr. Balfour made his statement a number of members left the house and will probably not make their appearance again during the session. The news has already been flashed throughout the United Kingdom and the electric agencies everywhere stimulated to hasten their preparations for the contest. It is stated that the government did not arrive at a final conclusion until Saturday, when those members of the cabinet who have argued against an early dissolution reluctantly gave in to the will of the premier, who has from the first favored a summer election.

The Hon. George S. Curzon, parliamentary under secretary for India, stated that the government had decided that it would be needless for India to be specially represented at the Chicago world's fair. Nevertheless, the government would assist any private efforts to obtain worthy representation.

Home Secretary Matthews said that he was unable to name a date when the bill to prevent the immigration of destitute aliens would be introduced. It was undeniable, he said, that the evils connected with such immigration were increasing.

TEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Terrible Havoc Wrought by a Bolt in a Church at Molana, Spain.

MADRID, June 13.—The report of a frightful calamity at Molana, Spain, has just been received. The worshippers were assembled in church when a storm arose and raged with frightful violence. The priest calmly proceeded with the regular worship, although many of the congregation, especially the women, showed considerable alarm as the peals of thunder were growing louder and louder and the storm center appeared to be approaching the church. The sky was so overcast that the people in the church could hardly see each other's faces, except when at intervals the place was lighted by vivid flashes of lightning. Suddenly a fearful crash was heard and several of the women shrieked in fear. The priest, who remained his self-command, turned with upraised hands from the altar as if to invoke heaven for aid. A moment later a stunning, hoarse noise was heard, and a more terrible appeal than that which had gone before. 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